

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 516
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dorothy Marie Williams
of Nashville, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the passing of Dorothy Williams, the wife of Jesse Williams and the daughter of Doris Jean Walker; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was an exemplary Christian and human being who, through her faith, worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Williams enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Jesse Lee Williams, to whom she was united in marriage in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was an exemplary employee of the State of Tennessee in the Division of Mental Retardation Services, working diligently to carry out her assigned duties and going above and beyond what is expected of any employee to the point of being nominated for the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities' Employee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams served the State of Tennessee with devotion and alacrity as an employee for 26 years with the Division of Mental Retardation Services, serving in various capacities, including Investigative Incident Specialist, Training Coordinator, and Development Technician; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was an honored and resolute graduate of Tennessee State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams always remained a Social Worker at heart, remaining an active member of the Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was a devout member and mainstay of New Destiny Christian Fellowship Church of God in Christ, the Co-founder of Greater Life Ministries-New Destiny Christian Fellowship Church, and a Member of the Board of Directors who was unwaveringly devoted to the Body of Christ at New Destiny; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was a dependable person who could always be counted on in the various ministries and capacities in which she participated or led at New Destiny. Mrs. Williams was a vital part of the Women's Ministry and served as a Senior Licensed Missionary, as Treasurer of various divisions of the Financial Ministry (including the Church Building Fund), as the President/Director of the Church Anniversary, and as a Field Representative for the Ministry of Sunday School, working with both Youth and Young Adult classes; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was always willing to commit to whatever the Lord placed in her hands to do, and, being a praying woman, she served in the Sick and Shut-in Ministry and was present to pray and lend a hand, beyond the call of duty and in a time of need; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams leaves behind sisters Jacqueline Perry and Beverly Walker and brothers Gary Taylor and Albert Goodman of Sommerville, Tennessee, in-laws, several nieces, nephews, a great-niece, and many treasured friends who will undoubtedly cherish and honor her memory; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Williams leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and leadership in her model Christian life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in her professional life; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dorothy Marie Williams, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Williams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.